

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to all of our returning students and families, and a warm welcome to ILC for all of our new students and families! We hope that you have all had a rejuvenating summer and are looking forward to the resumption of school routines. While we are very much looking forward to welcoming all students back to school, we recognize that this is an unprecedented September start-up situation, and there is a diverse range of thoughts and feelings associated with our return for the 2020-2021 school year. The purpose of this communication is to provide families with as much information as possible about the path ahead. Please understand that some of this information may need to change and adjust as the situation does. We are committed to ensuring that you have timely information about any changes that may need to be made. It is important for you to also know that our Principal, Wendy Walker, has taken a temporary leave for the fall, and we eagerly anticipate her return later in the year. In the meantime, I, Ryan Ellis, have been given the role of Acting Principal with Leo Holdstock as our Acting Vice-Principal.

ILC School Start-up:

The schedule at ILC for Orientation week is as follows:

Wednesday Sept 9, 2020 - Returning Students Only

Zone 1: 8:45 am to 9:45 am
Zone 2: 10:45 am to 11:45 am
Zone 3: 1:15 pm to 2:15 pm

Thursday Sept 10, 2020 - New students Only

Zone 1: 8:45 am to 9:45 am
Zone 2: 10:45 am to 11:45 am
Zone 3: 1:15 pm to 2:15 pm

The purpose of these orientation sessions is to familiarize students with school staff, daily routines, and important health & safety guidelines. This will help to prepare them for a strong start to regular daily attendance in their learning zone the following week.

Career Programs:

If your child/student is registered in one of our career programs (TASK or Hair) then you will be receiving program specific start-up information separately by email directly from the program teacher.

Evenings Program:

If your child/student is registered in our Evenings program, their orientation will take place on Thursday September 10, 2020 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm at our Broadmead campus. Please note the change of location from last year, as we are no longer utilizing the SIDES campus for our evening class.

Health and Safety:

As a relatively small school, our present organizational structure and timetable at ILC fit easily into the Ministry's new cohort (learning group) model. Our site safety committee is working to ensure that our campuses are ready for students to return during orientation week; furthermore, each student will be provided two new reusable cloth masks at their orientation session. It is important to emphasize here that students must stay home

when they are sick. Parents and caregivers must assess their child/student daily for symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other infectious respiratory disease, as well as possible exposure to COVID-19, before sending them to school. If a child/student has any symptoms, they must not go to school. We will provide a daily health check form in future communications to guide you in this important process.

Cross-Enrolled students:

The larger neighbourhood schools are shifting their schedules to a quarterly (Copernican) model rather than a semester schedule. These timetable changes will affect many of our cross-enrolled students, so cross-enrolled students will need to review their schedules with their ILC Teacher Advisors during orientation week. It is also important to note that when cross-enrolled students are on the campus of neighbourhood schools, they are outside their ILC cohort (learning group) and will need to maintain physical distancing and/or wear a mask.

Communication

We encourage you to please monitor the school district website and our ILC website in the weeks ahead to ensure that you stay up to date with further announcements and developments. It is important that you notify the school by Friday August 28th if your educational plans have changed during the summer, and your child/student is not returning to ILC.

Finally, we at ILC are excited about making this year a safe, positive, and rich experience for all of our learners; we look forward to welcoming our students back into our buildings soon!

Sincerely,

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